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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 14-1263. A copy of the reference is supplied.

The reference is an article published by the inventors relating to the invention. The article was apparently published sometime in 2000, which is prior to the filing date of the instant application. However, the article is not believed to be prior art against the instant application. In

this regard, Applicants point out that the end of the article indicates that it was received by the publisher on July 6, 2000, which means the article was actually published sometime later. Applicants believe the actual publication date was December 2000. However, this is unimportant as the July 6th date is already too late. Since the present application was filed in the United States less than one year later on March 15, 2001, the publication—even if on July 6, 2000—is within the one year grace period. Therefore, the article is not prior art against the present application.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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